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FM AMEMBASSY GEORGETOWN

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3240

INFO AMEMBASSY BRIDGETOWN

AMEMBASSY CARACAS

AMEMBASSY KINGSTON

AMEMBASSY PARAMARIBO

AMEMBASSY PORT OF SPAIN

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: SNAR, GY

SUBJECT: HASHISH SEIZED FROM EGYPTIAN SHIP

1. GUYANESE CUSTOMS OFFICIALS, ACTING ON A TIP, DISCOVERED OVER 25 POUNDS OF HASHHISH, AS WELL AS A QUANTITY OF OTHER CONTRABAND GOODS (CIGARETTES, WHISKEY, ETC.) ON JULY 27 ABOARD THE EGYPTIAN-REGISTERED VESSEL "KUWAIT HORIZON". POLICE ESTIMATED THE VALUE OF THE DRUG, A RESINOUS TYPE WHICH THEY BELIEVE MAY HAVE BEEN OBTAINED DURING A PREVIOUS CALL IN COLOMBIA, AT US DOLS 10,000. THE LOCAL PRESS INACCURATELY REPORTED THE STREET VALUE TO BE US DOLS 1.6 MILLION.

2. THE VESSEL'S SENIOR OFFICERS, CAPTAIN MOUSTAFA FATTAH, FIRST OFFICER MOHSIN BAKRY, SECOND OFFICER ABDEL AREF, CHIEF ENGINEER HUSSAN ESSAWAY (ALL EGYPTIANS), AND CHIEF STEWARD IDREZ EKREM (A YUGOSLAVIAN), PLEADED GUILTY TO CHARGES OF INTRODUCING CONTRABAND GOODS AND OBSTRUCTION OF CUSTOMS OFFICIALS. THEY WERE FINED NEARLY US DOLS 15,000 AND RELEASED.

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3. THE SHIP LEFT GEORGETOWN ON AUGUST 8 BOUND FOR PARAMARIBO.

IT WAS NOT SCHEDULED TO CALL AT ANY U.S. PORTS.

4. COMMENT: THE DRUG SEIZURE, DESPITE THE SMALL QUANTITY OF
HASHHISH INVOLVED, RECEIVED A GOOD DEAL OF MEDIA
ATTENTION HERE WHERE SUCH INCIDENTS ARE RARE. POLICE OFFICIALS,
HOWEVER, CONSIDERED THE MATTER TO BE RELATIVELY MINOR, REGARDING
THE OFFENDERS AS SMALL-TIME SMUGGLERS. THE AUTHORITIES HAVE ROU-
TINELY NOTIFIED INTERPOL OF THE INCIDENT
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